

July 11, 1892:

SELLING LIQUOR TO INDIANS.

Serious Charge Against a Hotel Keeper on
the Market Square.

INTERPRETER ST. LAWRENCE SKIPPED.

At the Police Court this morning a goodly docket greeted the Magistrate, but the cases were soon disposed of. A liquor case of a somewhat unusual nature was that in which James McCardle, a hotel keeper on the Market Square, was charged with selling liquor to Indians, contrary to the Dominion statute. On Saturday there were a large number of Indians in town, who were going home after their week's work at berrypicking in Burlington and elsewhere, and of course they visited several saloons, securing liquor in some and being refused in others. Among the former is said to have been McCardle's. The complainant in the case is P. C. Creen, and in the summonses it is alleged that McCardle sold one glass of whiskey and two glasses of beer to a squaw named Mary Hill, and also two glasses of whiskey to another named Mary Manto. P. C. Creen was standing on the corner of King and James streets on Saturday afternoon, when an Indian informed him that his wife and several other squaws were in McCardle's saloon drinking and that he could not get them out. The constable went with him and prevailed on the women to go home with his informant. They live on the reservation near Caledonia. At the request of Mr. W. Ross, who appeared for the defendant, the case was enlarged until this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

SKIPPED TO BUFFALO.

According to veteran P. C. Ferris, Frank St. Lawrence, the French Canadian who has acted as interpreter for some of the non-union moulders here, has jumped the town. He was charged on Saturday last with wilfully damaging a window in Thos. Smith's house, at the corner of Ferguson avenue and Jackson street, and succeeded in getting the case adjourned until this morning. When the case was called, however, he failed to appear, and P. C. Ferris remarked: "You will never see that fellow again, your worship. He sold out his furniture to a broker on Saturday night, and skipped to Buffalo with his family yesterday morning."

William Preston, a colored musician, was called as a witness, and he stated that he had been engaged to play at a dance at Smith's house on Friday night. St. Lawrence was one of the guests and objected to witness' presence, emphasizing his objections by considerable profanity. Finding his remarks of no avail, he went outside and commenced throwing stones at Preston's wife, and then finished the racket by smashing one of the windows with an empty beer bottle. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5 and \$7.25 costs on St. Lawrence.

YOUNG VAGRANTS PUNISHED.

Albert Whitney and David Kinnear, alias Brown, were arrested by P. C. Nixon on a charge of vagrancy. They were found sleeping in a barn on John street south on Saturday night. Kinnear claimed that he was working for the man that owned the barn and was accustomed to sleeping there. Chief McKinnon stated that the lad had been allowed to go on deferred sentence by Judge Muir for stealing a boiler, with strict injunctions to show up at the court on June 14th. He failed to put in an appearance, writing to the judge that he had a job in Detroit. He has since returned to the city, and the detectives say has been loafing around the city. The Magistrate fined him \$4 and Whitney \$2.

Arthur Hurd and John Harris, small boys, were charged by Mrs. Ann Powell with trespass. She stated that she found the boys lying asleep in her woodshed at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, and she accused the defendants of leading her two little sons astray. The defendants were each fined \$1.

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PERCY PEEL DISCHARGED.

Percy Peel, the 13-year-old boy who stole a cheque for \$120 from his employer, Mr. A. W. Gage, and who fled to Grimsby on Thursday last, was brought back to the city on Saturday night by his father. When arraigned on the charge of larceny he pleaded guilty, but in view of his youth and the fact that this was his first offence the Magistrate allowed him to go with a warning. Peel destroyed the cheque when the teller of the Merchants' Bank refused to pay it.

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July 12:

FOR FIVE LONG YEARS.

James Connelly's Search for Work—Several Cases Before the Magistrate.

Among the prisoners gathered in by the police net last night was James Connelly, a queer-looking fellow, who was charged by P. C. Bainbridge with vagrancy. At the Police Court this morning in answer to the Magistrate's enquiries the prisoner stated that he had been trying to get work for the past five years, but had not succeeded.

Sergt.-Major Smith—Where was the last place you worked?

"At London jail."

"Did they pay you well there?"

"I got my board and clothes. I got an order into the hospital on June 10th, but went down to the military camp at Niagara because I wanted to earn 50 cents. I couldn't, though, and I'm all broke up. The doctors say that my bones won't grow, and I guess I have not been properly fed."

Magistrate—You will be better off in jail for a while. I'll send you down for twenty days.

James Crawford and James Kelly were charged by Milk Inspector Nixon with violating a city by-law in neglecting to take out licenses to sell milk. The licenses cost \$1 each. As Kelly secured the necessary document this morning the case was dismissed. Crawford was fined \$2.

Fred. Wilson, a young man from Milgrove, charged by P. C. English with being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$4 or forty days in jail.

Matilda Leader, an elderly woman arrested by P. C. Coulter for drunkenness, was allowed to go.

Ambrose Carroll, arrested by P. C. Johnston for fighting on the street, was fined \$2 or twenty days in jail.

John Freeborn, for assaulting a small boy named Henry Cooper during a dispute over some fish, was fined \$1 or forty days in jail.

ADJOURNED UNTIL FRIDAY.

The Charge Against James McCardel of Selling Liquor to Indians.

The case against James McCardel, the Market Square hotel-keeper, charged with illegally selling liquor to Mary Hill and Mary Manto, two Indian women from the reservation near Caledonia on Saturday last, came up for investigation before the Police Magistrate yesterday afternoon. Mr. W. L. Ross appeared for the defendant. For the prosecution P. C. Creen called Mary Manto as a witness, but her memory in regard to what she had to drink in McCardel's place proved very defective. She recollected having three drinks in the hotel on Saturday afternoon, but could not recollect what kind of liquor she imbibed, — in fact she could not remember whether it was water or whiskey. As several other witnesses for the Crown failed to show up the case was enlarged until Friday.

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July 13, 1892

FOLLOWED HIM FROM BUFFALO.

Frank Rodgers Charged With Bringing
Stolen Goods to Canada.

THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Amongst the motley array of prisoners in the Police Court dock this morning was a flashily dressed young man named Frank Rodgers. He hails from Buffalo and was charged with bringing stolen goods into Canada. He was arrested by Detective Campbell last evening at the instance of a dark little woman named Mrs. Julia Robinson. In the warrant, Rodgers was alleged to have stolen two gold watches, two gold studs, two gold rings and two silk handkerchiefs, the property of Mrs. Robinson, bringing the goods here on July 5th. The prisoner pleaded not guilty to the charge. Mrs. Robinson was then called to the witness stand, and as she had evidently arranged her difficulty with the prisoner, under her skilful management the case was soon disposed of. She told the Magistrate that she kept a laundry in Buffalo, and that for the past year Rodgers had been keeping her books. She had given him no money, but paid him in jewelery, and that in reality she had given him all the stuff he was alleged to have stolen.

Magistrate—Why did you follow him here?

here?

Witness—Because I could not get along without him in my business. He is going back with me now.

Chief McKinnon—I think its truly a lover's quarrel Your Worship. (Laughter.)

Magistrate—"Well he can go," and the couple left the court room together.

TWO MONTHS IN JAIL.

The notorious Hugh Cassidy was brought up on remand on the charge of keeping a disorderly house on York street near Park. His wife's name was included in the charge but as she has not recovered from her last debauch the case against her was adjourned. James Gardner, a neighbor, was the principal witness against Cassidy. He swore that the defendant was continually drunk and raising a disturbance and ever since Mrs. Cassidy emerged from jail about two weeks ago the conduct of men visiting the house had been simply disgraceful. P. C. Campaign swore that the house was in a rank condition, resembling a pig sty more than anything else, and that during the past week fights had been of nightly occurrence. Of course Cassidy denied all this, and alleged that there was "somebody behind it all trying to do him up," but when the Magistrate announced his intention of punishing him he came down a peg or two and pleaded to be let off, promising to behave in future.

"Come on, let me off, Your Worship," said he, "that's a good fellow. I paid my last two fines like a man; give me another chance."

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The Magistrate was obdurate, however, and sent him to jail for two months.

THAT LYNDEN GIRL'S CASE.

Lucinda Camp, the young girl from Lynden, who has given the police a great deal of trouble during the past ten weeks, was brought up on remand on the charge of vagrancy. She carried her six-months-old baby in her arms, but seems as little able to take care of herself as ever.

Chief McKinnon has been corresponding with the Reeve of Beverly with a view to having the township authorities take charge of the child, and then the Magistrate can see his way clear to dealing with its mother. Lucinda was accordingly remanded for a week, pending the result of the Chief's efforts.

HORN AGAIN REMANDED.

John Horn was brought up on remand on the charge of burglarizing F. E. Walker's store on July 1st. The police have been unable as yet to capture Horn's alleged accomplice in the burglary, and as Mr. Walker, one of the leading witnesses for the prosecution, is absent in New York, the Chief applied for another remand for Horn until Tuesday. Mr. L. H. Patten, who appeared for the prisoner, opposed the application, but unsuccessfully. The Magistrate refused to allow Horn out on bail.

AN UNDUTIFUL SON.

Thomas Hurst an elderly man charged his son George with assault. The complainant alleged that the young man threw stones at him yesterday in the street and used very vile language towards him. "He threatens to murder me," continued the complainant "and he is my own son too."

Prisoner—You are not my father. I've got that straight.

Magistrate—Are you his father?

Complainant—My woman says I am and she tells the truth.

Prisoner—Say, Dad, what do you want to be so hard on me for?

"You are no good. I have treated you like a gentleman and you have not given 10 cents to the house in ten years."

Magistrate—I'll bind him to keep the peace in \$100 himself, and two sureties of \$50 each.

500 each.

SENT TO THE ASYLUM.

James Connelly, the 'queer genius' who amused the court the other day with his account of his five years' search for work, was charged with insanity. Dr. Russell was the complainant, and he swore that it was decidedly dangerous for the young man to be at large. "He is certainly an imbecile," continued the doctor, "and several of the asylum attendants have identified him as the man who set fire to the farm buildings at the asylum some three years ago."

Connelly—What makes me dangerous?

Doctor—Because you are not responsible for your actions.

"There is nothing the matter with my head. I am a cripple, and the doctors tell me that for the want of proper care my bones are dwarfed. Can't the authorities compel my friends to take care of me?"

"You will get good care at the asylum."

Magistrate—Yes; people are always kind to those whose minds are afflicted. I'll send you to the asylum.

Prisoner—All right; I'm a poor man and I could not have a worse time than I have been having.

OTHER CASES.

Elizabeth McKenna, charged by P. C. Duncan with being drunk and disorderly, was too sick to appear, and her case was enlarged until to-morrow.

Matilda Grafton, charged by Matthew Quigley with using indecent language, proved very talkative in court, although she could remember nothing of the bad language she used yesterday afternoon.

"Were you drunk?" asked the Magistrate.

"Oh, no," was the reply; "only I lost my memory last night."

Magistrate—I'll fine you \$5, or 50 days in jail.

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July 14, 1892

THOU ART WISE, OH, MAGISTRATE!

He Thinks That Children's Cases Should be
Left Out—The Police Court.

The Magistrate was occupied for about an hour at the Police Court this morning in hearing half a dozen cases, none of which were of much importance.

George Coleman, a small boy, was charged with assaulting a little girl named Mona Schaefer, and the latter's father, Christopher Schaefer, was in turn charged with assaulting young Coleman. Schaefer claimed that his children had been greatly annoyed by young Coleman, and admitted that he had taken the law into his own hands to the extent of catching the boy by the ear and pulling him across the sidewalk. He stated that he had complained to the lad's parents, but with no effect. Nevertheless, the Magistrate fined him \$2, dismissing the charge against Coleman, it being merely the outcome of a quarrel among children. The Magistrate also expressed the opinion that such cases should not be brought into the Police Court. Whoever is entrusted with the duty of issuing warrants or summonses should be so instructed.

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Mrs. Ann McBride, for allowing horses to run at large on Catharine street north on Tuesday night, was fined \$2.

Frank Post made an ineffectual protest against being fined \$2 for violating a city by-law in allowing a waggon to obstruct Rebecca street on Tuesday night. P. C. Cameron appeared against him.

John McIntosh, a hackman, charged by P. C. Johnston with a breach of the cab by-law in soliciting passengers at the Grand Trunk station, was fined \$3.

Edward Reardon, a young man, was arrested by P. C. Ford on suspicion of having stolen a quantity of pig iron which he was trying to sell to a peddler named Green. Unlike the majority of his profession, the latter was honest, and suspecting that something was wrong when the prisoner wanted to sell the iron, immediately notified the police. The stuff is supposed to have been taken from Mackay's wharf.

Mrs. Elizabeth McKenna, an old woman remanded from yesterday on a charge of drunkenness, was fined \$2. She claimed to have taken but two cupfuls of lager, which moreover disagreed with her, because of total abstinence on her part for five years. The Magistrate advised her to take but one cupful in future and then registered the amount of her fine on the big book.

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July 15, 1892

GINGER ALE AND PEPPER.

How McCardel Says He Fooled the Indians—No Firewater.

BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

The investigation of the charges against James McCardel, who is alleged to have sold liquor to Indians on Saturday last, was continued before the Police Magistrate this morning, and occupied over an hour. Mr. Ross appeared for the defendant. P. C. Creen had charge of the prosecution. It will be remembered that on Saturday afternoon Creen was called to assist Geo. Thomas, an Indian, in an attempt to get several squaws out of McCardel's saloon. Among the squaws were Mary Manto and Mary Hill, and to these, it was claimed, McCardel sold several glasses of beer and whiskey. Thomas was the first witness. He saw the Indian women drinking, but could not tell what they drank. Sarah Fish and Charlotte Williams, squaws, were called and swore to getting drinks in McCardel's place, but did not know what they drank. Michael Cusack, James Martin and William Reynolds, who were in the saloon on Saturday afternoon, swore to seeing McCardel give the squaws a mixture of ginger ale and pepper sauce instead of the whiskey they asked for. They also saw several Indians refused liquor that afternoon.

The Magistrate reserved judgment in the case until Monday next.

JIM BEGLEY ARRESTED.

About 4 o'clock this morning James Begley was arrested by P. C's. Cameron, Blakely and Cable on an old warrant charging him with committing an aggravated assault on James Blows during a disturbance at Bayview Park about three weeks ago. Blows was stabbed several times in the head and shoulders while trying to act as peace-maker between Begley and several others. The case was called at court to-day, but adjourned at the request of Chief McKinnon until Tuesday next.

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

There was a lively row on the corner of MacNab and Cannon streets about 9 30 last night, and, as the outcome of it, William Richter found himself behind the bars of No. 3 police station, charged with assaulting Mrs. Clara Myers. Mr. W. L. Ross appeared for the defendant this morning, and, after a long argument, succeeded in getting an adjournment of the case until Monday. Mrs. Myers stated that Richter awakened her about 9 o'clock, and, telling her that his grandfather was dead, succeeded in gaining admission. "As soon as he got in," said she, "I saw that he was intoxicated, and I immediately ordered him out. He refused to go, and caught hold of my arm and tried to slap my face, and also to choke me. When he finally went out he stood in the front yard, cursing and swearing and calling me vile names."

Mr. Ross objected on behalf of the defendant to being compelled to pay the costs of an adjournment, and ventured the opinion that the Magistrate was inclined to be severe on his client.

"Now don't you talk like that any more," was the Magistrate's reply. "Young men must learn that because they get drunk they cannot go around decent or indecent houses catching women by the throat, etc."

OTHER CASES.

Elizabeth Pearce was charged with using indecent language towards Elizabeth Doyle, and the latter was in turn charged with using similar language towards Mrs. Pearce. After hearing considerable evidence the Magistrate fined each of the women \$2 or twenty days in jail.

The wages case of John Colville against Harry Lawry occupied but a few moments. Mr. W. A. H. Duff appeared for the defendant. Colville claims \$25, a month's wages, although he had worked but three days. The Magistrate dismissed the case and then Lawry offered Colville three day's pay, but this amount was declined.

David Wetherspoon charged by Hackman Wm. Gage with refusing to pay cab fare, settled the case out of court by paying \$1 costs and \$1.25 cab fare.

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July 16

USE AN EMPTY BEER KEG.

A Novel Method of Stopping a Dog Fight
—W. Richter Fined.

A DETROIT MAN'S SENTENCE.

A few days ago there arrived in this city a youth from Detroit named Thomas McDonald. After remaining here a short time Thomas started to make a tour of the county on foot and, as he journeyed, called at the residence of Geo. N. Binkley, in Barton. Finding the family away and the house locked up, Thomas quietly broke open the front door, and selecting a nice black coat and vest belonging to the owner of the house and leaving his own dilapidated garments in their place, he resumed his walk. Approaching John Neelon's house, a little farther on, McDonald entered by a rear door and selecting a good pair of shoes, left his own in exchange for them. He then returned to the city. His love of style, however, proved the ruination of his hopes of getting off scot free with what he had appropriated. Detective Campbell had posted the second-hand dealers to be on the look-out for the thief, so about 3 o'clock yesterday, one of them called in P. C. Cameron and the culprit was immediately arrested. He was a very particular young man about the fit of his clothes and because the stolen garments were a little too large for him, he wanted to exchange them. When arraigned in the Police Court this morning he pleaded guilty to the two charges of larceny, and as no person seemed to know anything about

him and also as he seemed to care very little himself as to what became of him, the Magistrate sent him to Central Prison for three months.

TO STOP A DOG FIGHT.

Albert Omand, a young man, was charged by P. C. Duncan with being disorderly on Stuart street last evening. It appears that a dog fight was in progress in the roadway, and Omand with several other bystanders attempted to stop the fight. Young Omand's method was rather a novel one, consisting of striking one of the dogs on the back half a dozen times with an empty beer keg. Another young fellow who was interested in this dog resented Omand's action and struck him on the back. Omand, so the policeman said, drew a razor and made several passes with it towards his assailant. He was promptly arrested and taken to No. 2 police station. When brought before the Magistrate Omand denied using a razor, and his father alleged that P. C. Duncan had assaulted his boy when he had him alone in the police station. Duncan denied this assertion and the Magistrate fined the defendant \$5 and costs.

HE WAS WELL WATCHED.

Timothy Harrington and James C. Dolan alias Carroll, were a sorry looking couple as they faced the Magistrate, the former on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and the latter charged simply with being disorderly. P. C. Johnston was the complainant. He opened the case by stating that Harrington's partner had given a false name. "His name ain't Carroll," said he, "its Dolan."

Chief McKinnon—What do you want some honest man's name for?

Dolan—Well, I was afraid it would get in the papers.

Johnston—Harrington was drunk and Dolan and another fellow were fooling around him changing handkerchiefs, etc. It looked as though one of these other fellows would have Harrington's watch before long.

Dolan—I wouldn't steal his watch.

Chief McKinnon—The constable was afraid that you would.

Johnston—Oh, I was watching him and it wouldn't have been the first time that a watch was stolen on Stuart street.

Magistrate—I'll fine Dolan \$5 and Harrington \$2.

A FRESH YOUNG MAN FINED.

When the adjourned case against William Richter, the young man charged with assaulting Mrs. Clara Myers was called, the defendant failed to appear, but was represented by counsel. Mrs. Myers, a highly respectable looking little woman, was present in court, and was very indignant over the young man's actions. She told the Magistrate that Richter was no friend of hers and he had lied to her in order to get into the house. The Magistrate condemned Richter's conduct very strongly and fined him \$10. The complainant was much worked up over the affair, and her sister-in-law stated that if she had not gone to Mrs. Myers' assistance she was convinced that Richter would have killed her. "As it was," said she, "Mrs. Myers was unconscious for some time after he left the house."

OTHER CASES.

James Findlay, after remaining "on the rock for several months, went on a spree yesterday and was run in at a late hour last night by P. C. Hallisey for drunkenness. He was fined \$2.

W. Gordon, charged by P. C. Cameron with violating the street-by-law in allowing a waggon to remain in the roadway all night, was fined \$2.

James Kilgour was charged by Robert Grey, a letter-carrier, with keeping a ferocious dog. The complainant alleged that the dog rushed at him a few days ago and tore his pants in an attempt to bite him. He could not prove that the animal had ever bitten anybody else, and the Magistrate had no alternative but to dismiss the case.

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July 18 (Monday)

TO JAIL FOR A MONTH.

The Sentence Recorded Against a Pair of
Edward Reardons.

AT THE POLICE COURT.

Two young men—cousins—both named Edward Reardon were charged at the Police Court this morning with stealing a quantity of pig iron from Mackay's dock on Wednesday last. The younger of the prisoners through his lawyer, Mr. W. L. Ross, pleaded guilty of receiving the iron, knowing it to be stolen, but the other denied any connection whatever with the affair. The prisoners were arrested by P. C's. Ford and Hayes while waiting for the completion of a deal with Samuel Levi, a peddler, for the purchase of the iron. The younger Reardon claimed that a sailor whom he did not know met him on the street on Wednesday morning and told him where he could find the iron. He went for it with his cousin (the other prisoner) and together they sold it. The third man made his escape while the police were arresting the Reardon boys. The evidence, in the Magistrate's judgment, was very strong against the accused and he found them guilty of the theft, and as a great deal of iron has been stolen from the dock during the past few months, he sent the prisoners to jail for a month. The stolen iron was returned to the owners, A. Hope & Co.

7 MARRIED ONLY EIGHT MONTHS.

A young married man named Stephen Bradford was charged by his wife, Elizabeth Bradford, with refusing to support her. The complainant, a girlish-looking female, swore that although she had been married to the defendant but eight months she had long tired of the bonds of matrimony by reason of the defendant's bad temper and abusive conduct. "I asked him on Saturday for money," said she, "And he told me to go to his shop for it. When I went there he was gone and then late on Saturday night he came to my mother's house where I was staying and raised a disturbance. He never gave me even a dress all the time I was living with him.

Stephen—Didn't I give you my money every week?

"No you didn't"; only once I got money from you and then you were staving drunk."

Stephen, in a loud voice—I've got a few words to say in this matter. The trouble is, Your Worship, my wife's mother is dead opposed to me and she thinks she has got a regular softy to deal with. Her mother wants to chase me out of my own house, but if my wife will come and live with me like a decent woman I'll give her a good home.

Mrs. Bradford—I am afraid to live alone with you. You drew a knife on me once.

Mrs. Woods, the girl's mother, then went into the box and stated that her son-in-law was no good. "Why," continued she, "I kept that big, lazy hulk all winter by working out every day while he lay home in bed. When he gets a little money now he drinks it up. My girl's life ain't safe with him. They would be better off separated."

The Magistrate decided to commit the defendant for trial at the General Sessions of the Peace in December.

DISMISSED THESE CASES.

The Magistrate gave judgment in the case against James McCardel, the Market street hotel keeper, charged with selling liquor to Indians a week ago on Saturday. He did not consider the evidence strong enough to warrant a conviction and accordingly dismissed the case. This was the case in which the defendant claimed that ginger ale and pepper sauce was given the squaws in lieu of whiskey.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cassidy was brought up on remand on the charge of keeping a disorderly house on York street. Her husband, Hugh Cassidy, was sent to jail for two months a few days ago on a similar charge. The woman was very penitent when arraigned this morning, and the Magistrate decided to give her one more chance to reform, allowing her to go.

A charge of assault preferred by Ann Grey against William Grey was dismissed, as neither of the parties appeared.

RICHTER ONCE MORE.

Wm. Richter was once more before the Magistrate charged this time with using threatening and indecent language towards Mrs. Clara Myers. The charge was the outcome of the trouble of last Thursday night, and for taking part in which the defendant had already been heavily fined and bound over to keep the peace. Mrs. Myers was not satisfied with the judgement already recorded against Richter, and in order to further vindicate herself pressed the latter charge. For using the indecent language referred to Richter was fined \$2.

OTHER CASES.

Wm. Ringer, charged by P. C. Barron with fighting and raising a disturbance on James street north at an early hour yesterday morning, was fined \$5 or forty days in jail.

Sarah Staunton, a hard looking character, was arrested by P. C. Barron for being drunk and disorderly on Stevenson street on Saturday night, and was also charged with wilfully damaging several windows. She admitted being drunk, but denied all knowledge of her actions while under the influence of liquor. She was fined \$2.

Daniel Woods and Frank Boyes were charged by P. C. Tuck with fighting on the corner of Stuart and Tiffany streets, shortly after midnight on Saturday. Each of the defendants accused the other of striking first and the Magistrate disposed of the case by fining them each \$4.

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July 19,

TWELVE MONTHS IN CENTRAL,

And John Horn, the Daylight Burglar,
Smiled—That Stabbing Case.

THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

The back benches at the Police Court this morning were all occupied, and when the court opened standing room only was to be had by late comers. The unusual crowd is explained by the fact that the trial of James Begley, charged with stabbing James Blowes at a fight at Bay View Park on June 25th, was adjourned until to-day. Blowes was present in court, looking none the worse of his interesting experience, and he was accompanied by a host of witnesses. An important person in the case, however, failed to put in an appearance. This was none other than the notorious Begley himself, who was allowed out on bail a few days ago. The crowd that expected to hear the details of the case was doomed to disappointment, as the Magistrate again enlarged the case until Friday next.

A BURGLAR SENTENCED.

John Horn was brought up on remand on the charge of breaking into F. E. Walker's store, on King street east, on July 1st and stealing six suits of clothes and several pairs of lace curtains. The prisoner has been in jail for the past two weeks, while the police have vainly endeavored to secure the stranger who was associated with

Horn in the robbery. Mr. L. H. Patten appeared for the prisoner, who pleaded guilty first to the charge of receiving the stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, and then to the charge of breaking into the store with intent to commit a felony. A portion of the goods recovered by the police were identified by Mr. Walker. It appears that while on a drunken spree with a companion the prisoner entered Walker's place by breaking through a rear window in the afternoon of Dominion Day, and being frightened away before getting all the stuff they wanted, the men hid some of their booty in the alleyway back of the store, where it was found by the police. A couple of years ago Horn was sentenced to twelve months in Central Prison for larceny. His lawyer, Mr. Patten, made an earnest appeal for leniency at the hands of the Magistrate this morning, and there is little doubt that his able defence of the prisoner's conduct saved Horn from a much heavier sentence than what he received. The lawyer ascribed his client's difficulties to an overpowering love of liquor. "As this is his second offence," remarked the Magistrate, "I cannot let him off with a lighter sentence than that which he received for his first offence, so I'll send him to prison for twelve months."

A smile expressive of great relief overspread Harris' features on hearing the sentence.

YOUTHFUL PRISONERS.

William and Fred. Warren and Albert Bradfield, small boys, were charged by Geo. Crawford, the colored caretaker of J. M. Williams & Co's. foundry premises on Hughson street north, with breaking into the warehouse with intent to commit a felony. A large quantity of tinware, etc., has been stolen from the warehouse during the past few weeks, and the caretaker has been on the watch for the boys who are thought to have done the stealing. Last evening he captured the two Warren boys, and when arraigned on the charge of house-breaking the boys pleaded guilty. The other boy, Bradfield, who is said to have been with the Warrens, has not yet been arrested, and the case was accordingly enlarged until to-morrow.

OTHER CASES.

Thomas Lanning, an old timer, charged with assaulting his wife, Ann Lanning, and also with committing an aggravated assault on his daughter-in-law, Rebecca Lanning, was remanded until to-morrow.

A charge of unlawfully retaining a halter and a quantity of oats, preferred against Harry Seeley, of Barton, by R. McKeever, was dismissed, the Magistrate advising the parties to settle their differences out of court.

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July 20

OLD TOM LANNING SENT DOWN.

Two Months in Central Prison For Assault
—Fighting Case.

BEFORE THE POLICE MAGISTRATE.

Only four prisoners faced the Magistrate at the opening of the Police Court this morning, and the docket was soon disposed of. Michael Johnson, a stylishly dressed young fellow, was charged by P. C. Johnston with fighting on James street north on the night of July 12th. Ambrose Carroll, the young man with whom he was fighting, was tried before the Magistrate on a similar charge some days ago and fined, and ever since the police have been looking for Johnston. The prisoner claimed that Carroll struck him first and the fight was the result of his trying to defend himself. The Magistrate could not see it that way, however, and fined him \$2 and costs.

TOM WILL RETIRE.

Old Tom Lanning was up to the neck in a sea of trouble when the case against him was called. His wife, Ann Lanning, alleged that on Monday night he raised a disturbance in the house and struck her in the face because she remonstrated with him about his unseemly conduct. "He acted like a madman," continued the old woman, "and when one of the neighbors came in to quiet him, he struck him with a plate."

"Go on, you're no good," was the remark of her loving husband, "you don't know how to keep a decent house," and he continued heaping abuse on the woman until the Magistrate called him down.

His daughter Rebecca Lanning then went into the witness box and displayed for the edification of the court a severe wound on her head, which she claimed had been made by her father.

"That's not so," said old Tom; "it was accidental. I have too much respect for my family to strike any of them."

Magistrate—Queer kind of respect. I'll fine you \$20 and \$2 costs or two months in Central Prison.

The prisoner had no money, and as he was being hustled downstairs he called out: "I want the police to watch that house of mine; it's no good, and the women in it ain't decent."

Mrs. Lanning—"After you get out of jail don't you come back to me." Then to the Magistrate—"He's an old blackguard, Your Worship, and is always making trouble."

SMALL BOYS PUNISHED.

Albert Bradfield, the small boy wanted yesterday on the charge preferred against Wm. and Fred. Warren, the boys alleged to have broken into J. M. Williams & Co's. premises on Hughson street north, was brought to the police station last night by his father, who, however, failed to put in an appearance when the case was called this morning. Geo. Crawford, the colored caretaker of the foundry, started to tell the same story as he told yesterday, when the boys interrupted him by pleading guilty, and the Magistrate fined young Bradfield and Willie Warren \$4 each, allowing Freddie to go with a warning. An amusing incident occurred during the hearing of the case. The Bradfield boy is very small, and in order that the Magistrate could see him he was perched on one of the benches in the dock. He slipped off this perch, and the police had some difficulty in finding him, only succeeding after looking through the cuspidores and under the other benches in the pen.

THAT LYNDEN CASE.

Lucy Camp, the girl from Lyden who is in jail on a charge of insanity, sat in the dock with her six months' old baby in her arms. There seems to have been no improvement in her condition, and the Magistrate remanded her to jail for a week, as arrangements for placing her in the asylum have not yet been completed. The Beverly authorities have not yet agreed to take care of the baby.

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July 21

AN ODD CHARACTER IN COURT.

Joseph Best's Religious Devotions Greatly
Disturb His Neighbors.

BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

Joseph Best, a sallow-faced man with a very meek expression in his countenance and carrying a bundle of tracts in his hands, was the defendant at the Police Court this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct, preferred against him by a neighbor named Henry Smith. Best is known throughout the west end of the city as being somewhat fanatical in his ideas of religious worship. He formerly owned considerable property on Chatham street, but getting into financial difficulties was compelled to dispose of his houses. The tenants of this property now claim that Best becomes very much incensed at them whenever he broods over the loss of his property and uses very bad language towards them. At other times when a mania for religious worship strikes him, he prays in a loud voice for hours. The complainant Smith swore that Best during the past few nights has prayed that fire would descend from heaven and consume the houses that he lost, all the women on the street and also the men and children. "When decent people are in bed," said Smith, "he puts his head out of the window and shrieks out all sorts of imprecations on the heads of the neighbors."

and raises such a disturbance generally that it is impossible to sleep in the locality."

Best—That is not right, Your Worship. I was only praying, and I can get a dozen responsible people who live in the neighborhood to prove that I never use bad language. I would like to adjourn the case until tomorrow.

Magistrate—You had no business to use such language. It was blasphemy and I must put a stop to it.

Best—Why, that man Smith threatened to have me lynched. I made a great sacrifice a while ago and received an extra blessing, and my wife says to me last night, "Now, don't pray long to-night, because I am sleepy," and I said I would pray last, and if she got tired before I got through she could go to bed. The windows were open while I prayed and maybe I did take too long.

Another neighbor was called and he corroborated Smith's testimony, and said that Best called out a few nights ago that he hoped that flames of fire would fall upon the houses of his neighbors and that they would be troubled with all the plagues of Egypt, and that he preached once that the devil was dead. He also intimated that that some of the women on the street were possessed of seven devils and other inconvenient things.

"I said nothing of of the kind," was Best's reply, "and I can prove it."

Magistrate—You had no right to use such language. I'll send you to jail for three months.

MOMENTS.

"Praise the Lord," was the reply from the defendant and he dropped into a seat.

The Magistrate then consulted with the Sergt.-Major for a few moments and then said to Best, "Will you stop this kind of conduct?"

Best—I won't stop praying.

Magistrate—Well, you must keep your windows and doors closed. You can't be allowed to disturb your neighbors.

Best—I'll close them then.

Magistrate—You are fined \$10 or two months in jail. If there are any further complaints against you you will be more severely punished.

ONE MORE CASE.

The only other case on the docket was that in which Ernest and Sarah Pearson and Frank Brunt, children, were charged with stealing a quantity of bathing trunks, etc., from R. Beasley's bathing house at the Beach. They all pleaded guilty and the two boys were each fined \$4 the little girl being allowed to go with a warning.

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July 22

BAY VIEW STABBING AFFAIR.

The Charge Against James Begley Will
Not be Investigated

IN THE POLICE COURT.

The much-adjourned assault case in which James Begley was charged with stabbing James Blowes during a fight at Bay View, on June 25th, will not come off at the police court after all, Blowes deciding that he would prefer to get back at his alleged assailant through the medium of a civil action rather than by a criminal prosecution. When the case was called Begley was present with his lawyer, Mr. J. Bicknell. Blowes also appeared and with him was Mr. A. O'Heir. As Blowes was about to step into the box to give evidence Mr. O'Heir interposed a few remarks which squelched the hopes of those in the audience who expected the story of the assault. "I would like to withdraw the present charge" said he, because my client thinks it would be more satisfactory to him if he could get damages out of Begley for all the trouble he has been put to. Blowes earns about \$20 a week and he has been laid off about three weeks by this affair besides having to pay a big doctor's bill. If we go on with this prosecution we knock out our right to a civil action.

Magistrate—Perhaps it would be better to try it in a civil court. What do you say Mr. Bicknell?

"Oh, if I can beat them in this court I suppose I can do the same in the other court," was the innocent response, and on Begley signifying his willingness to such a disposal of the case the magistrate agreed to dismiss the charge.

KELLY DENIES THE CHARGE.

Last night John Kelly, the youth alleged to have been implicated with the two Edwards Reardon in the larceny of a quantity of pig iron from Mackay's dock, gave himself up to the police, although claiming that he was not guilty. It will be remembered that one of the Reardon boys, who are now serving a sentence in the jail, told P. C. Ford that Kelly helped him to take the iron, and consequently the police have been looking for Kelly ever since. On the case being reached, Kelly pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr. W. L. Ross. Chief McKinnon was present and announced at this stage of the proceedings that, from enquiries made recently, the police were certain that Kelly was not implicated in the affair and asked for his discharge. The Magistrate declined to accede to this request, however, and adjourned the case until to-morrow, allowing Kelly out on substantial bail.

BRITTAIN AND HIS COWS.

Harry Marshall was charged by P. C. Barron with a breach of the street by-law in driving a heavy rig across the sidewalk on Shaw street. "I bought sod on the property owned by Mr. Murton there, and he told me to drive across the sidewalk," said Marshall, "and I protected the sidewalk with extra planking."

P. C. Barron was the complainant, and called James Brittain as a witness. The latter, as usual, talked a great deal, and announced that he had two charges to prefer against Marshall on his own account.

Magistrate—Well, we will try one case at a time.

Brittain (altogether oblivious of this interruption)—Marshall cut a wire fence I put up to keep my cows and horses from wandering off the property.

Marshall—You don't own the property. Mr. Murton told me your cattle had no business on the lot at all, and if, when I drive out, the cows get out on the street, that's your own lookout.

P. C. Barron—Had he any cause to drive over the sidewalk?

Brittain—No, he could have gone through a gateway.

Magistrate—Bring Mr. Murton here and I'll adjourn the case until Monday.

OTHER CASES.

Malcolm McLeod, charged by P. C. Cameron with being drunk at the corner of James and Merrick streets last night, was fined \$2.

Fred. Baskerville, one of the crack riders of the Ramblers' Bicycle Club, was charged by Detective McKenzie with violating a by-law in riding on the sidewalk on Jackson street west last night. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$1.

Wm. Moxley, a colored man, living on Robert street, was charged by Inspector Brick with neglecting to take out a license for his dog. The defendant did not appear, and the Magistrate fined him \$3.

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July 23

ILL-TREATED A HORSE.

John Hotrum Fined at the Police Court This Morning.

At the Police Court this morning, John W. Hotrum, a youth living in the north end of the city, was charged by County Constable Springate, of Stoney Creek, with cruelly ill-treating a horse. Mrs. Barker, Norman Pettit and other residents of Stoney Creek, swore to seeing Hotrum kick and beat a horse which had fallen under a heavy load. The animal had not strength enough to stand on its legs, but still Hotrum kept beating it until the blood came. He eventually desisted and the horse was allowed to lie in the ditch alongside of the road until last evening, when Hotrum's father shot and killed it. The animal was valued at \$10, so the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$10 on Hotrum, and also assessed him \$11.25 as costs, with the alternative of two months in jail.

Mr. H. B. Witton who appeared for the defendant endeavored to have the time reduced, but in vain. However, on Inspector Hunter, of the S. P. C. A., stating that the prosecution would be satisfied with a smaller fine, the Magistrate knocked off \$5.

Another charge of ill-treating a horse preferred against Malcolm Robertson by P. C. Walsh, was adjourned until Monday.

Catharine Callaghan charged May Armstrong with refusing to pay \$3 wages, but as the defendant did not appear the case was adjourned until to-morrow.

Lucy Champ, of Lynden, was again remanded for a week.

